

Senate File 337 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 216)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for training on suicide prevention and
2 trauma-informed care for school personnel.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.9, Code 2013, is amended by adding
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 63. In coordination with the department
4 of public health and stakeholders, including but not limited
5 to mental health professionals, school administrators, school
6 nurses, and guidance counselors, select qualified programs for
7 the training of school personnel on suicide prevention and
8 trauma-informed care as required by section 272.2, subsection
9 19.

10 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, Code 2013, is amended by adding the
11 following new subsection:

12 NEW SUBSECTION. 19. Adopt rules requiring individuals
13 applying for renewal of a license, certificate, authorization,
14 or statement of recognition issued by the board who provide a
15 service to students to undergo training on suicide prevention
16 and trauma-informed care prior to each renewal. For purposes
17 of this subsection, "*trauma-informed care*" means services
18 that are based on an understanding of the vulnerabilities
19 and triggers of individuals who have experienced trauma,
20 recognize the role trauma has played in the lives of those
21 individuals, recognize the presence of trauma symptoms and
22 their onset, are supportive of trauma recovery, and avoid
23 further traumatization.

24 EXPLANATION

25 This bill requires the board of educational examiners
26 to adopt rules requiring individuals applying for renewal
27 of a license, certificate, authorization, or statement
28 of recognition issued by the board who provide a service
29 to students to undergo training on suicide prevention and
30 trauma-informed care prior to each renewal. The requirement
31 applies each time an individual seeks renewal.

32 The bill requires the director of the department of
33 education, in coordination with the department of public
34 health and stakeholders, including but not limited to mental
35 health professionals, school administrators, school nurses,

1 and guidance counselors, to select qualified programs for the
2 training required by the bill.